



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

WARD-CLOSE et al

Atty. Ref.: 4827-5; Confirmation No. 2518

Appl. No. 10/529,234

TC/A.U. 1793

Filed: August 31, 2005

Examiner: Kessler

For: PURIFICATION OF ELECTROCHEMICALLY DEOXIDISED REFRACTORY METAL
PARTICLES BY HEAT PROCESSING

* * * * *

January 28, 2010

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2009 ("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due January 6, 2010. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a one-month extension of time is \$130 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now February 6, 2010. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.